

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (New) A method for joining at least one joint part, comprising the steps of:
inserting a hollow profile into a through-opening of a joint part up to a joint point;

providing an adhesive between an inner side of the joint part and an outer side of the hollow profile at the joint point;

expanding the hollow profile at least at the joint point,

wherein

the adhesive is provided in an annular recess formed on at least one of the inner side of the joint part and on the outer side of the hollow profile, and

the recess is configured such that during the expansion step the recess is essentially leveled and the adhesive is displaced over an area of the joint point.

9. (New) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein
the adhesive fully encloses a circumference of the hollow profile.

10. (New) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein

the adhesive is provided between the joint part and the hollow profile before the hollow profile is inserted into the joint part, and

the adhesive is in a solid form when provided between the hollow profile and the joint part.

11. (New) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the hollow profile is also expanded directly adjacent to the joint part such that after expansion, at least on one side of the joint part a step bears laterally against the joint part.

12. (New) The method as claimed in claims 8 wherein the hollow profile is expanded by application of internal high pressure.

13. (New) A hollow profile joint, comprising:

a hollow profile;

a joint part; and

an adhesive.

wherein

the hollow profile is located in a through-opening of the joint part at a joint point, and is expanded at least at the joint point and adjacent to the joint part such that an annular bead-shaped step formed on the hollow profile bears against the joint part, and

the adhesive is located between an inner side of the joint part and an outer side of the hollow profile at the joint point.

14. (New) The hollow profile as claimed in claim 13, wherein the joint part has a fastening section arranged to permit fastening of the combined joint part and hollow profile to another component.